

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are submitted in response to the communication dated August 23, 2005.

Status of the Claims

Claims 28 and 29 are pending in the application. Claim 28 has been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which Applicants regard as the invention. Support for the amended claim can be found generally through Applicants' specification.

Claim Objections

Claim 28 is objected to in its recitation “(“IL-6”)”, with the Examiner suggesting it be changed to “(IL-6)”. Applicants have above amended claim 28 to remove the unnecessary quotations and request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

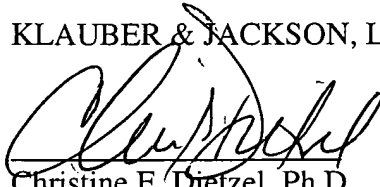
The Examiner has rejected claims 28 and 29 as directed to non-statutory subject matter, failing to distinguish from fragment(s) of v-IL-6 as they exist in nature. Applicants have above amended claim 28 to insert “isolated” before fragment.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants submit that the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 may properly be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks in the file history of the instant Application. The Claims as amended are believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and withdrawal of all of the outstanding rejections is therefore believed in order. Early and favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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